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CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claims 1-48 are presently pending before amendments herein.

Claims 38-45 and 48 are cancelled.

No new claims are added.

Claims 1-37 and 46-47 remain pending after amendments herein.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are presently pending before amendments herein. Claims 38-45 and 48 are cancelled. No new claims are added. Claims 1-37 and 46-47 remain pending after amendments herein.

Election/Restriction

The claims are subjected to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-37 and 46-47, drawn to encoding one or more regions of a video signal by embedding a watermark with specific relative intensity relationships between frames, classified in class 382, subclass 100; and
- II. Claims 38-45 and 48, drawn to the selection of detection frames from a video signal, classified in class 348, subclass 465.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I in the event that the restriction/election requirement as set forth above is maintained. **Claims 1-37 and 46-47 read on Group I.**

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1 Conclusion

2 All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully
3 requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues
4 remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the
5 undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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